

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above-identified patent application has been reviewed in light of the Examiner's Action dated December 15, 2006. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended. Claims 4, 5 and 11-20 have been cancelled, without intending to abandon or dedicate to the public any patentable subject matter. Claims 21-28 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-3, 6-10 and 21-28 are now pending. Claim 6 has been rejected as being indefinite. In addition, Claims 1-3 and 6-20 have been rejected as being anticipated or obvious in view of US 1,900,401 to Scully ("Scully").

Claim 6 has been amended and is now believed allowable. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 4 and 5 would be allowable if written in independent form. Thus, the elements of Claim 4 have been added to Claim 1, thereby rendering Claim 1 and its dependants allowable. New Claims 21-28, which generally emulate now-allowable Claims 1-3 and 6-10, are believed to be allowable since Claim 21 includes the elements of originally-presented Claim 1 along with those of Claim 5. Applicant traverse Examiner's assertions related to Scully. That is, the amendments outlined herein have been made to facilitate allowance and not to concede to the relevance of Scully as applied to the claims by the Examiner.

Based at least upon the foregoing, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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